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# Average Weekly Earnings, Australia

Estimates of weekly earnings classified by industry, sector, state and territory

Reference period May 2024

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## Key statistics

Estimates for average weekly ordinary time earnings for full-time adults (seasonally adjusted):

- Increased by 4.6% annually to \$1,923.40 in May 2024.
- For males were \$2,214.70 (public), and \$1,978.00 (private).
- For females were \$1,995.30 (public), and \$1,698.40 (private).

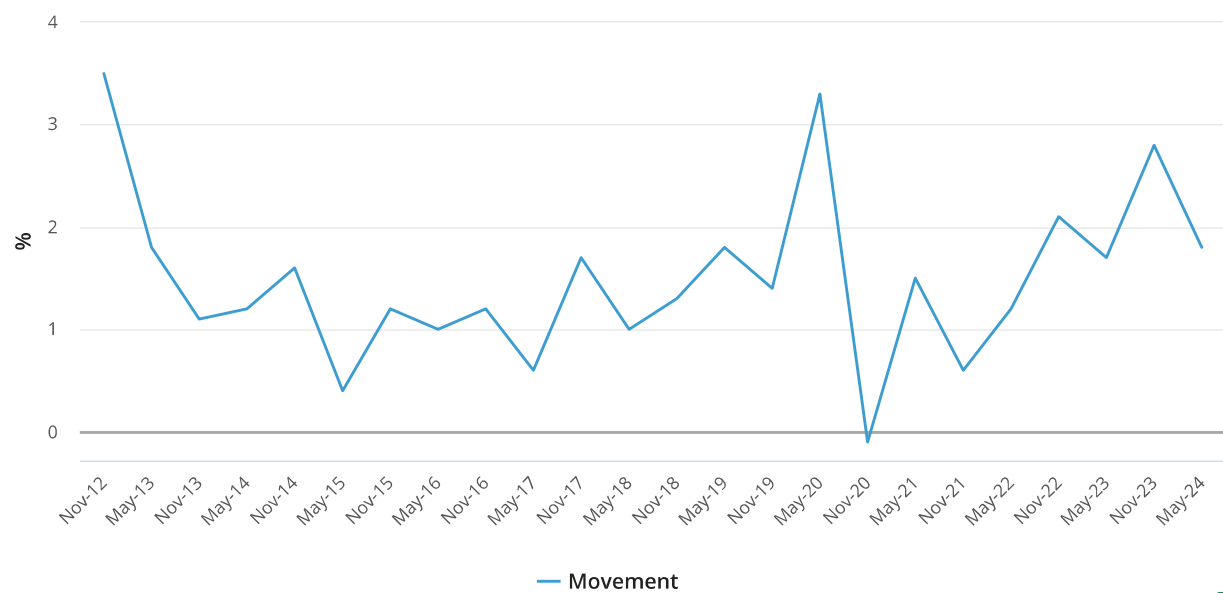
## Average weekly earnings, key statistics

		May 2024 (\$)	Yearly change (%)
Trend	Full-time adult average weekly ordinary time earnings	1,924.60	4.5
	Full-time adult average weekly total earnings	1,996.40	4.5
	All employees average weekly total earnings	1,479.10	5.6
	Full-time adult average weekly ordinary time earnings (a)	1,923.40	4.6
Seasonally Adjusted	Full-time adult average weekly total earnings	1,995.90	4.6
	All employees average weekly total earnings (a)	1,480.90	5.8
	Full-time adult average weekly ordinary time earnings	1,923.40	4.6
Original	Full-time adult average weekly total earnings	1,994.30	4.6
	All employees average weekly total earnings	1,480.90	5.8

(a) This component is not seasonally adjusted.

Six monthly movement - Average weekly ordinary time earnings, full-time adults, seasonally

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## Survey impacts and changes

### Understanding compositional changes in earnings

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The Australian Bureau of Statistics' Average Weekly Earnings survey is designed to measure the level of average earnings in Australia at a point in time. Movements in average weekly earnings can be affected by changes in both the level of earnings per employee and in the composition of the labour force. Factors which can contribute to compositional change include variation in the proportion of full-time, part-time, casual and junior employees; variation in the occupational distribution within and across industries; variation in the distribution of employment between industries; and variation in the distribution of hours worked and paid for.

It is also important to note that while Average Weekly Earnings data can be used to compare, at the very broad level, average earnings between males and females, such comparisons do not take into account a range of compositional differences. For example, differences in occupation or hours worked can contribute significantly to the differences observed between male and female earnings. Average Weekly Earnings, along with [Employee Earnings and Hours, Australia \(/statistics/labour/earnings-and-working-conditions/employee-earnings-and-hours-australia/latest-release\)](#), provides insights into the gender pay gap. The range of ABS gender pay gap measures can be found in the [ABS Gender Indicators \(/statistics/people/people-and-communities/gender-indicators#gender-pay-gap-measures\)](#), along with a useful guide to the gender pay gap.

For more information on compositional changes, see [Spotlight: Increases in Average Weekly Earnings – compositional changes during the COVID-19 period \(/statistics/labour/earnings-and-work-hours/average-weekly-earnings-australia/may-2020#spotlight-increases-in-average-weekly-earnings-compositional-changes-during-the-covid-19-period\)](#).

## Australia

### Average weekly earnings, trend

		May 2024 (\$)	Yearly change (%)
Males	Full-time adult average weekly ordinary time earnings	2,015.30	
	Full-time adult average weekly total earnings	2,114.30	
	All employees average weekly total earnings	1,721.60	4.8
Females	Full-time adult average weekly ordinary time earnings	1,784.40	5.6
	Full-time adult average weekly total earnings	1,814.00	5.6
	All employees average weekly total earnings	1,245.70	6.4
Persons	Full-time adult average weekly ordinary time earnings	1,924.60	4.5
	Full-time adult average weekly total earnings	1,996.40	4.5
	All employees average weekly total earnings	1,479.10	5.6



### Average weekly earnings, seasonally adjusted

		May 2024 (\$)	Yearly change (%)
Males	Full-time adult average weekly ordinary time earnings (a)	2,014.30	3.9
	Full-time adult average weekly total earnings	2,113.80	3.9
	All employees average weekly total earnings (a)	1,723.80	5.1
Females	Full-time adult average weekly ordinary time earnings (a)	1,782.80	5.7
	Full-time adult average weekly total earnings	1,813.30	5.7
	All employees average weekly total earnings	1,246.90	6.6
Persons	Full-time adult average weekly ordinary time earnings (a)	1,923.40	4.6
	Full-time adult average weekly total earnings	1,995.90	4.6
	All employees average weekly total earnings (a)	1,480.90	5.8

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### Average weekly earnings, original

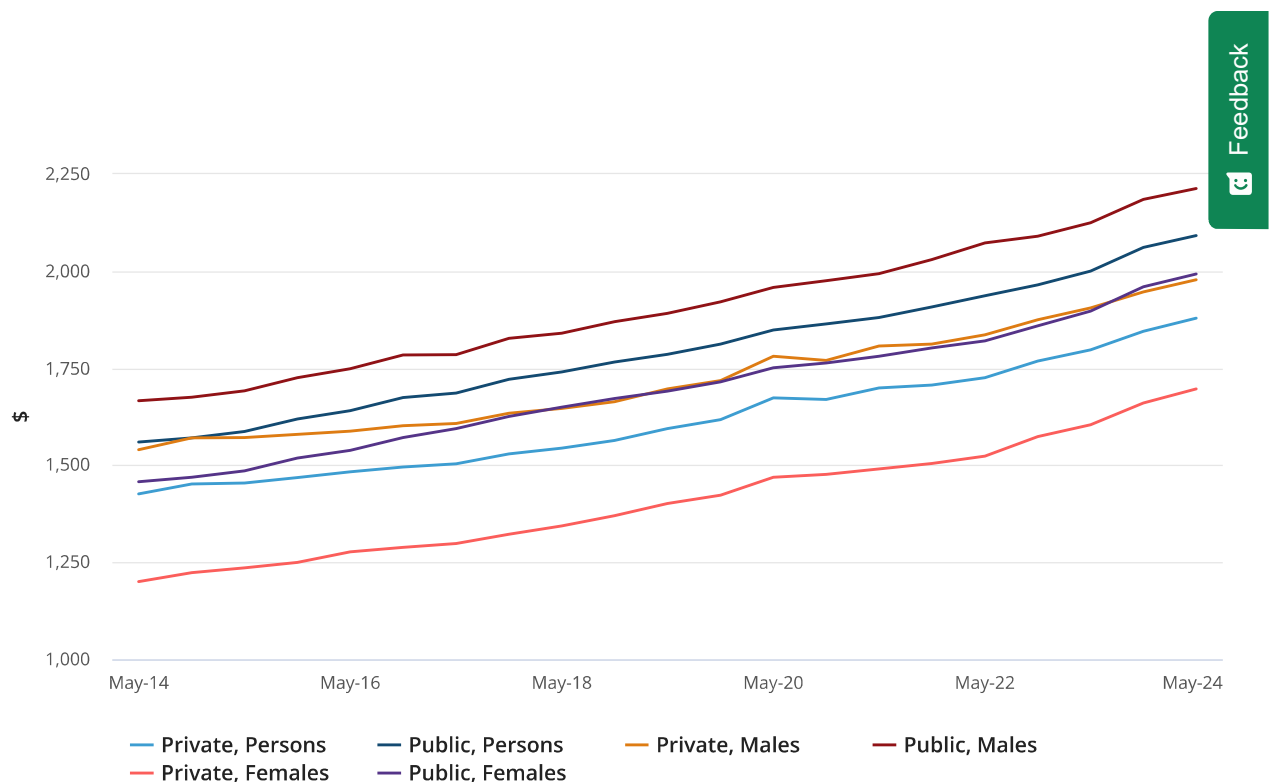
		May 2024 (\$)	Yearly change (%)
Males	Full-time adult average weekly ordinary time earnings	2,014.30	3.9
	Full-time adult average weekly total earnings	2,112.90	3.9
	All employees average weekly total earnings	1,723.80	5.1
Females	Full-time adult average weekly ordinary time earnings	1,782.80	5.7
	Full-time adult average weekly total earnings	1,811.00	5.7
	All employees average weekly total earnings	1,246.40	6.6
Persons	Full-time adult average weekly ordinary time earnings	1,923.40	4.6
	Full-time adult average weekly total earnings	1,994.30	4.6
	All employees average weekly total earnings	1,480.90	5.8

## Private and public sector

### Average weekly earnings, by sector, original

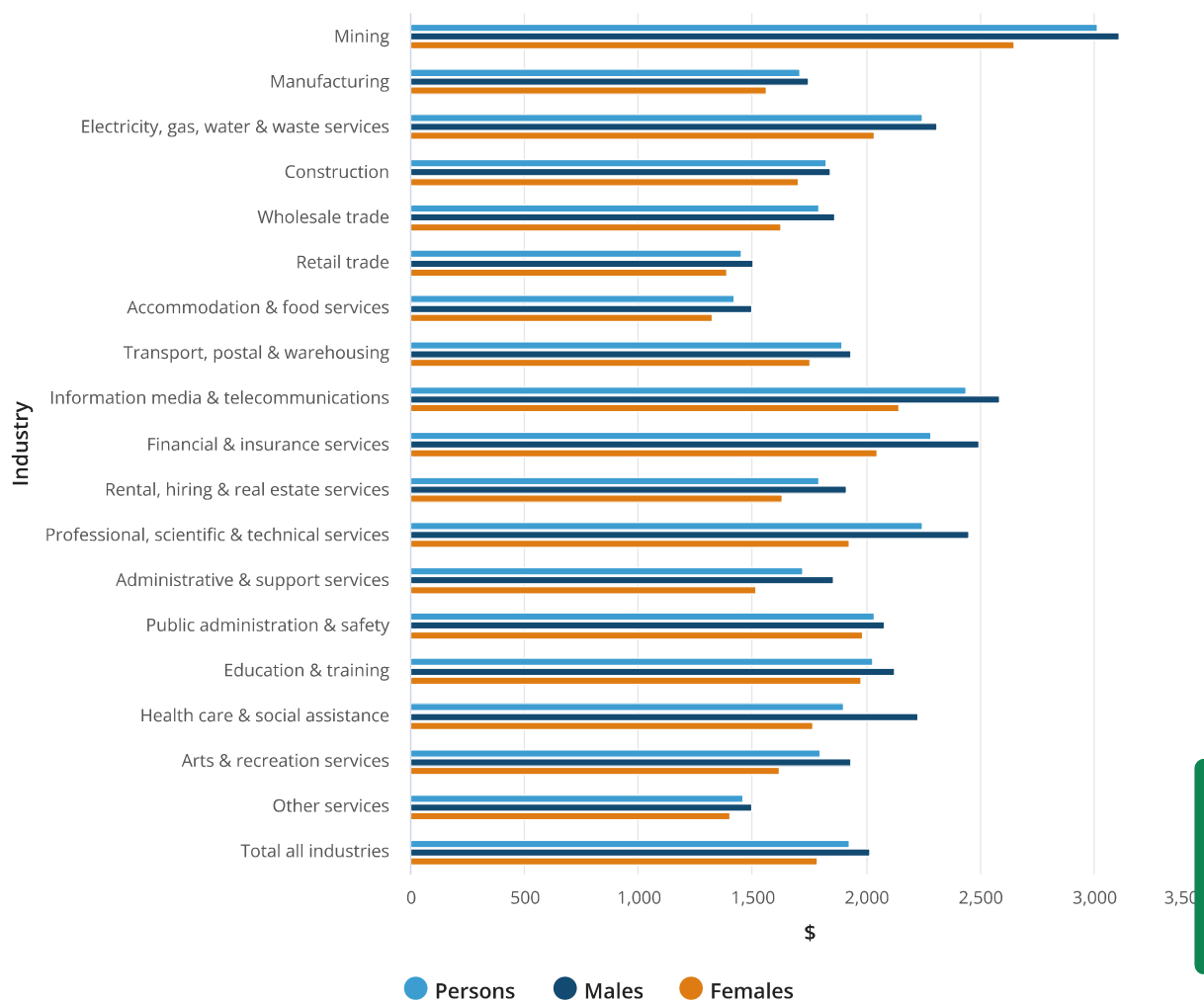
		May 2024 (\$)	Yearly change (%)
Australia	Full-time adult average weekly ordinary time earnings	1,923.40	4.6
	Full-time adult average weekly total earnings	1,994.30	4.6
	All employees average weekly total earnings	1,480.90	5.8
Private Sector	Full-time adult average weekly ordinary time earnings	1,879.00	4.6
	Full-time adult average weekly total earnings	1,951.50	4.6
	All employees average weekly total earnings	1,413.00	6.0
Public Sector	Full-time adult average weekly ordinary time earnings	2,091.80	4.6
	Full-time adult average weekly total earnings	2,156.60	4.4
	All employees average weekly total earnings	1,780.60	4.4

### Average weekly ordinary time earnings, full-time adults by sector, original



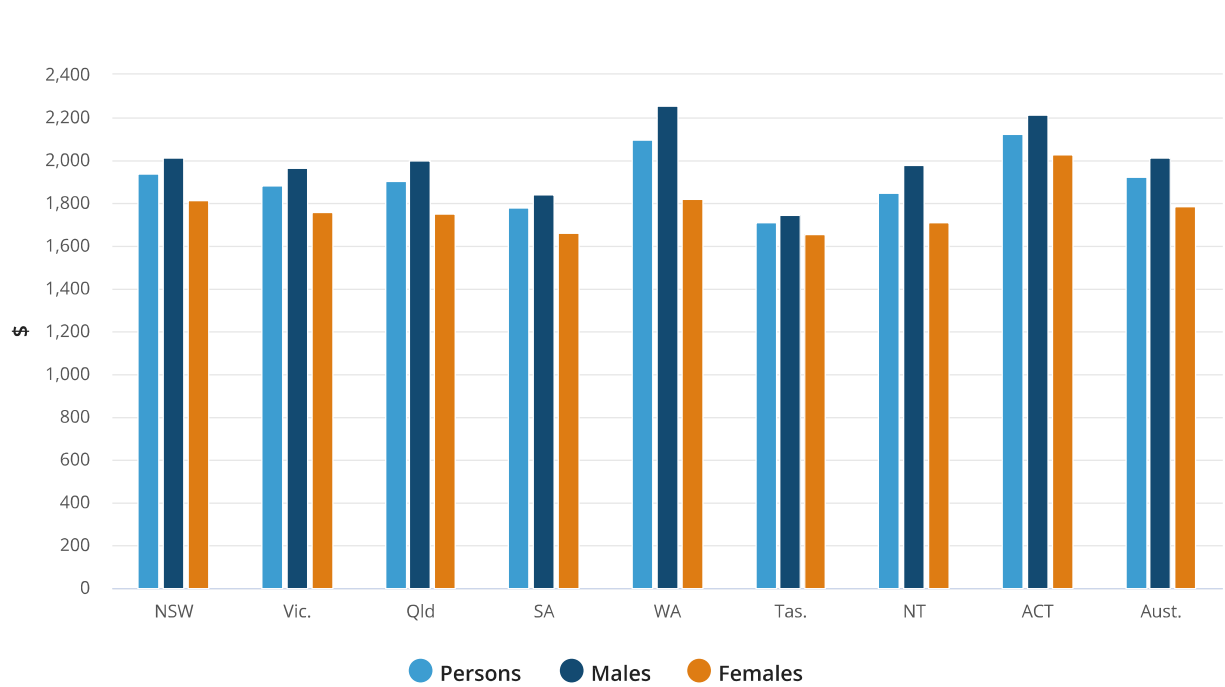
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### Average weekly ordinary time earnings, full-time adults by industry, original



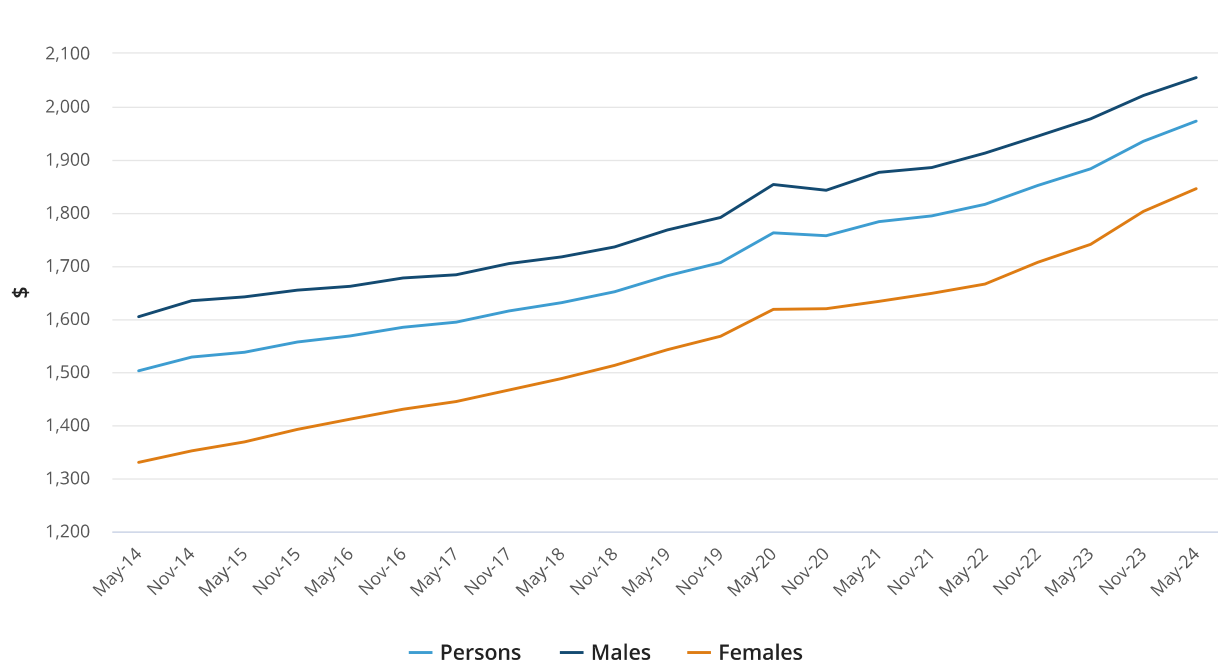
## State and territory

Average weekly ordinary time earnings, full-time adults by state, original



## Cash earnings (includes salary sacrifice)

Average weekly ordinary time cash earnings, full-time adults, original



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[Spotlight - average weekly earnings survey methods during COVID-19 \(/statistics/labour/earnings-and-work-hours/average-weekly-earnings-australia/may-2020#spotlight-average-weekly-earnings-survey-methods-during-covid-19\)](#) (May 2020)

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## Comparing average weekly earnings

[Spotlight - comparing average weekly earnings with other measures of earnings \(/statistics/labour/earnings-and-working-conditions/average-weekly-earnings-australia/may-2020#spotlight-comparing-average-weekly-earnings-with-other-measures-of-earnings\)](#) (May 2020)

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## Methodology

[Average Weekly Earnings, Australia methodology, May 2024](#)

